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Applicants : Satoshi ABE et al. Group Art Unit : Not Yet Assigned
Appl. No. : 10/671,688 Examiner : Not Yet Assigned
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For : METHOD OF MAKING THREE-DIMENSIONAL OBJECT

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on April 19, 2004, Applicants hereby call to the Examiner's attention the following document:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-152204, which was published on June 5, 2001, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is mentioned on page 23 of the specification.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of the above-noted foreign document is attached and is listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending, commonly assigned patent application:

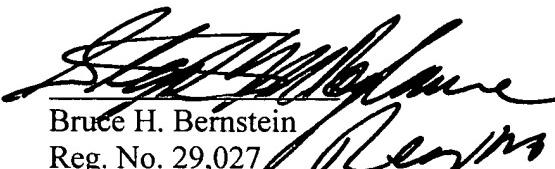
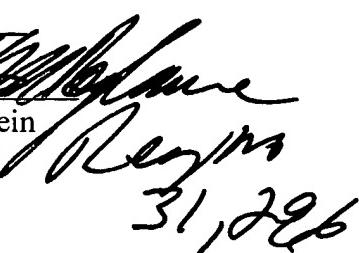
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/671,689 to ABE et al., entitled "Method of Making a Three-Dimensional Sintered Product," which was filed on September 29, 2003.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-noted application is attached. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of this U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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